

TENNESSEE HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM: II.A.

MEETING DATE:	May 15, 2025
SUBJECT:	Off-Campus Location Center University of Tennessee, Knoxville
	Oak Ridge Enhanced Technology and Training Center
ITEM TYPE:	Action

BACKGROUND

Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-7-202(q)(3), THEC is to review and approve or disapprove all proposals for off-campus locations at public institutions. Additionally, per THEC Policy A1.4A Off-Campus Instruction for Community Colleges and Universities, an off-campus center is defined as a location that is geographically apart from the main campus where students can enroll and complete academic programs and there must be a continuing administrative presence, evidenced by at least one full-time or part-time administrator housed on-site.

The University of Tennessee, Knoxville (UTK) requests a center code for the Oak Ridge Enhanced Technology and Training Center located at 3607 Oak Ridge Turnpike, Oakridge, TN 37830, to be effective June 2, 2025. The proposed center will provide programming for Oak Ridge employees to allow them to earn a Master of Science degree in Industrial Engineering. Students will be enrolled in as a cohort, and UTK projects 31 students in academic year 2025-26 with an increase to 38 students in five years. UTK will use existing full-time faculty to provide instruction, and two full-time faculty will provide an administrative presence including advising and other support as needed for program implementation.